

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND PLANNING BOARD OPENINGS**

**Are you interested in Fremont's Zoning and Planning endeavors and do you have time to dedicate to the community?**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board both have openings for alternate members. The positions are open to residents interested in community service, the future of Fremont, and land use. You must be a registered voter to be appointed.

The positions involve evening meetings (Planning Board – 3 per month and Zoning Board 1-2 per month) and occasional site walks. The positions require dedication; the desire to implement and work with the Town's regulations, ordinances and procedures, and a willingness to participate in community issues. This knowledge can be gained as you attend meetings and become familiar with regulations and ordinances.

Contact Meredith Bolduc at 895 3200 x 17 for more information. You can see her during business hours or contact her by email at [FremontPZ@comcast.net](mailto:FremontPZ@comcast.net).

Additional information, minutes, and regulations can be seen on the Town's website at [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov) and clicking on Planning Board or Zoning Board pages.

## **GARDEN CLUB TOURS**

The residents of Fremont were invited to enjoy a garden tour of four gardens on August 18<sup>th</sup>. FGC members, Pat Richmond, Aja Mahoney and Carolyn Carr hosted tours of their gardens. In addition, Lorraine & Jack Downing, residents of Fremont, provided a tour of their extensive gardens. At the end of the tour, guests enjoyed light refreshments at the home of Aja Mahoney, President of the FGC.

For more information, please check our website: [www.gardencentral.org/nhfgc/fremont](http://www.gardencentral.org/nhfgc/fremont). The next meeting of the FGC will be on September 25, 2007 at the Fremont Public Library at 7 pm. The FGC is a member of the NH Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc and National Garden Clubs Inc, New England Region.

## **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

As we near the end of summer, we have seen two EEE positive mosquito tests in the nearby communities of Newton and Brentwood. Late in the month of August, a horse in Kensington died from, and a Newton man is recovering from, the disease. Fremont continues to do weekly tests of numerous mosquito pools and to date have had no positive test results.

As a precautionary measure, Fremont did an evening spraying of fields at Ellis School and Memorial Park, and public parking lots at the Complex and Library. This was done on Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> and should have mosquito repellent effects for up to 30 days. The spray is not harmful to humans or mammals once it dries, and the contractor stayed on site in each location until the spray was dry.

The Fremont Health Department and NH DHHS continue to strongly recommend citizens take the following steps to reduce opportunities for mosquito breeding:

- Eliminate standing water around residential and commercial areas and other mosquito breeding locations.
- Remove all discarded tires from your property.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors. These items include tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or similar water-holding containers. Drainage holes in the sides of containers will still allow enough water for mosquitoes to breed. Do not overlook containers that have become overgrown by aquatic vegetation.
- Make sure roof gutters drain properly. Clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall and as often as necessary to eliminate standing water.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. If not in use, keep empty and covered. Do not allow these covers to collect standing water.

- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Water gardens become major mosquito producers if they are allowed to stagnate.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and change water in birdbaths at least twice weekly.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use.
- Eliminate any standing water that collects on your property. Mosquitoes can develop in puddles that last more than four (4) days.

The single greatest step any of us can take in terms of mosquito protection is to protect ourselves and our children by wearing appropriate clothing and using repellants when out doors.

## **ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY**

The Highway Department is finding obstructions in the Town's right-of-way that are not permitted. Plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED.

These structures of any size obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems.

RSA 236:15 states that any building, structure or fence within or over any highway is a public nuisance. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way or they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. Please remove any such obstruction to avoid further action. In general, the town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Road Agent Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429.

## **DRIVEWAY PAVING PERMITS**

**Before any driveway is paved or resurfaced, approval is needed from the Road Agent.** Grading and drainage issues need to be checked before any pavement (new or replacement) is installed. New driveway construction also requires a permit from the Town. The Planning Board Driveway Regulations, new driveway construction permit, and the driveway paving permit are all available on the Town website at [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov) on the Road Agent page.

Driveway permits and an inspection are also required when installing or relocating your driveway, for improvements such as garage construction. Contact Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429 for more information. Permits and regulation information are also available at the Selectmen's Office during regular office hours.

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

October is Fire Prevention month. Did you know that only one-fifth of households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan to ensure they could escape quickly and safely from their home in an emergency?

Candles are a popular way to set a mood or add fragrance to a room, but they can also be a serious fire hazard if proper precautions aren't taken.

Mark your calendars for Saturday October 13, 2007 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm when the Fremont Fire Department will host an OPEN HOUSE. The public is invited to learn how to use a fire extinguisher, watch how to put out a small kitchen grease fire, watch as the highly trained firefighters cut apart a car to remove a victim.

The Police Department will offer fingerprinting for your kids. All of these and many more displays and a lot of safety information will be available. Come join us to learn more about fire and home safety!

If you have questions please contact Aaron Epstein at 642 4721.

## **FREMONT PLAYGROUP**

The Fremont Playgroup is looking for a volunteer to take over the position of playgroup coordinator. This rewarding position requires someone with a bit of time, creativity, (or a computer!) and a love for children. The craft supplies and many ideas for creative play will be supplied.

The Fremont playgroup is one of the few town-funded groups of its kind and has just completed its 8<sup>th</sup> year of existence! It would be a shame to see it end after all this time. Many of the children from playgroup have developed relationships that have continued on long after their playgroup years. Several of these children are in classes together at our local schools. The parents as well as the children have also developed lasting friendships.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about volunteering for this position, please contact Aimee Arsenault at 603-849-6709 or [aasmile@verizon.net](mailto:aasmile@verizon.net).

## FREMONT FOOD PANTRY

The Fremont Food Pantry is getting geared up for the Fall/Winter Season that will be fast approaching. If you would like to help the Food Pantry to restock the shelves, the following are a few items we are in need of:

Canned vegetables	Juice	Cereal and Breakfast foods
Paper Towels	Toilet Paper	Condiments
Pasta Sauce	Snack items	Tuna
Spaghetios	Hannaford Gift cards	

As always, any donation of non-perishable items are appreciated, as are frozen foods. Monetary donations can be made payable The Fremont Food Pantry, PO Box 97, Fremont, NH.

The Fremont Food Pantry continues to service Fremont residents in need year round. This would not be possible without the donations from the Fremont community. Thank you for your continued support. For more information about the Fremont Food Pantry, please contact Kathy at 895 1162. All calls to the Pantry are completely confidential.

## DOG LICENSES ARE NOW OVERDUE

**As of June 1, a \$1.00 penalty per month will be added to the normal licensing fees.**

As of July 12, any dog remaining unlicensed **will** be assessed a civil forfeiture fee of \$25.00 **per** dog in accordance with RSA 466:13 in addition to the \$1.00 per month penalty and the normal licensing fees. If you acquire a new puppy / dog, you need obtain a license once a rabies vaccination is administered.

## MOTOR VEHICLE RENEWALS

If you renew your vehicle registration in person you **MUST** present either the actual registration or the renewal mailer that is mailed to you. If you do not present one of these options you will be assessed a \$12.50 fee for each registration that is being renewed. If you have questions, please feel free to call the office at 895 8693.

## MV REGISTRATION MAIL IN PROGRAM

The "mail – in" program is working well and being used by many residents. This program involves the Clerk's office mailing a renewal notice to your home approximately 2 weeks prior to the month in which your renewal is due. You have the option of renewing your vehicle registration(s) by mail or in person. **If you are renewing by mail, we ask that you please read and follow the directions carefully printed on the renewal notice.** All registrations are processed promptly and returned to you within 3 business days. Please note that we cannot process registrations before the beginning of your renewal month. The only exception is if you will be out of town the entire month your renewal is due. If you have any questions please feel free to call the office at 895 8693.

## BOAT REGISTRATIONS

The Town Clerk's Office has received the required certification to now process boat registrations and jet skis. Whether it is a renewal or a new boat, with the correct paperwork, the registration and decals can be obtained from this office.

## PARKS & REC SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Fremont Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking new members. The Recreation Commission oversees the Memorial Ball fields along with planning and implementing fun activities for youth and adults alike. Past activities include an Egg Hunt with over 1000 eggs for Easter; the annual Halloween party, and Holiday Tree Lighting. We also have developed a Playgroup for younger children and the Camp Fremont Summer Program for school aged children.

We would love to add more adult activities and welcome your ideas. The Recreation Commission is a great way to learn about your community. We meet once a month. Please call Renee at 244 1404 for any information; or send an email to [ReneeKing@comcast.net](mailto:ReneeKing@comcast.net).

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The Fremont Open Space Committee is a group of people who work together toward preserving the natural resources, wildlife habitat, open spaces and rural character of our town. Over the past few years, the Committee has actively worked to acquire the Glen Oakes Conservation Area, and is trying to promote public awareness of the importance of preserving open space.

We are looking for new people to come and see what our committee is about and to encourage you to offer your ideas, talents or knowledge. We have many upcoming projects that are in need of volunteers, such as monitoring programs for town forests, wildlife / bird / plant inventories; committee walks, snowshoeing or cross country skiing, wildlife viewing, and more. If any of these things interest you, we would like to hear from you. You can contact the Open Space Committee by email at [openspace@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:openspace@fremont.nh.gov) or call one of our co-chairs: Janice O'Brien (679 5545) or Kenn Jones (679 5573).

## REVISED STATE BUILDING CODE

August 17<sup>th</sup> effectively moves forward with the revisions to the State Building Code having been ratified to reflect the International Code Council (ICC) 2006 Edition of Codes.

The NH Building Code is titled as RSA 155-A, New Hampshire Building Code. The definitions as paraphrased from RSA 155-A:1 IV for The "New Hampshire Building Code" or "State Building Code" means the adoption by reference of the International Building Code 2006, the International Plumbing Code 2006, the International Mechanical Code 2006, the International Energy Conservation Code 2006, and the International Residential Code 2006, as published by the International Code Council, and the National Electric Code 2005.

All buildings constructed in NH are required to comply with the State Building Code which also makes provisions for the adoption of a State Fire Code; the State Fire Code taking precedence if conflicts arise in code presentations. Many National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes are adopted by reference in the State Fire Code; such as NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code, NFPA 58 LP-Gas Code, NFPA 31 Standard for Installation of Oil Burners, NFPA 211 Standard for Chimneys Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel Burning Appliances, many of these standards play out in the homes we live in, in Fremont. The State Building Code also specifically adopts Life Safety 101 as the prevailing code relating to all aspects for the means of egress.

Previous to the 2006 edition of the Code, the State had adopted the 2000 versions of the Code. Some communities have followed the State adoption of the Codes while other communities moved ahead with their own adoption cycles of the Code. Fremont previously had followed the ICC 2000 version with the state and provides for following the adopted state versions as the basic building codes in effect in Fremont.

Fremont will be following the provision of the ICC 2006 code versions as adopted by the State of NH and effective August 17, 2007 for all future construction. Existing buildings and existing open permits will remain under the 2000 provisions of the codes.